

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1448  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Store

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

18 S. Main Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME OF OWNER

Mary D. Bauer et al

Telephone #: 838-3533

STREET & NUMBER

Rock Spring Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

HA-1443

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story, three bay frame building is on the west side of Main Street at 18 South Main, in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Set in a group of three other similar structures, this building is the plainest of the lot having only a plain cornice and six decorative brackets for decoration. The long 4/4 double hung sash windows are set in segmental arched wooden surrounds. The lower half of the windows are obscured by the National Store sign. The first story has a 1940's front with plate glass shop windows curving around and in to the recessed entrance.

The interior of the building has been altered at least twice, once when it became a bakery and again when it ceased to be a bakery. The interior space is now taken up by long display room and the stock room behind it.

An apartment occupies the second story.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES	1881	BUILDER/ <del>ARCHITECT</del>	William Bauer
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This simple two-story commercial and residential building is typical of the commercial structures built in Bel Air and across the nation in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. It and its neighbors to the north and south, vaguely Italianate in style, give a very good idea of what Bel Air or any other small American town looked like around the turn of the century. While the whole block has been "modernized" in the first story and the front elevations could use some paint, preferably in warm Victorian colors like 8-10 Main Street at the north end of the block, very little would have to be done to restore the other three buildings. Number 18 is in perhaps the best shape.

The building was built in 1881 by William Bauer, a harness maker. . Keuchel, a watchmaker, was the other tennant in the building. In 1884 the store was occupied by Wolfsheimer and Company's "Baltimore One Price Clothing Store" managed by Messrs. Stahl and Hecht. In 1885 Bauer sold the ground rent to Annie Bauer (54/125), who subsequently bought the fee in 1909 (127/430). Bauer ran a bakery and confectionery on the site as early as 1904 and probably earlier. The property remains in the Bauer family today. The National Store rents the store. There is an apartment upstairs.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This property occupies parcel #813 in the Town of Bel Air, 25' x 120'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

9 March 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET &amp; NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY: Harford	SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1448
TOWN: Bel Air	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
LOCATION: 18 S. Main Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
COMMON NAME: National Store	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial	PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
OWNER: Mary D. Bauer et al ADDRESS: Rock Spring Road Bel Air, Maryland 21014	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (X)	PRESENT USE: Store
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (X) State ( ) National ( )	ORIGINAL USE:
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( ) 2. Wall Structure A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( ) B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( ) C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other: 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard (X) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) Bonding Pattern: Other: 4. Roof Structure A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( ) B. Other: 5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other: Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( ) Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other: brackets and cornice Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat (X) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( ) Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( ) Other: Number of Stories: 2 Number of Bays: 3 Approximate Dimensions: 25 x 120	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair (X) Poor: ( )
	THEME: Architecture
	STYLE: Italianate
	DATE BUILT: 1881
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( ) Development ( ) Deterioration (X) Alteration ( ) Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive ( ) Negative ( ) Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Cornice and brackets

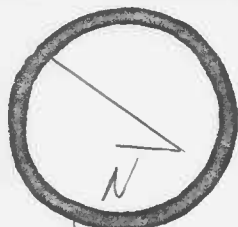
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Second story good example of mid to late 19th century store front. First story c. 1940's

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



#34

#18

MAIN ST.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( )Densely Built Up( )  
Residential( )Commercial(☒)  
Agricultural( )Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

9 March 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: STORE  
18 S. Main Street

964/588

20 August 1974

Zero, Inc.

to

Mary D. Bauer, Daniel H. O'Connell and  
Mary Ann (Bauer) O'Connell, wife

to and back

25 x 120

399/53

31 July 1953

Helen C. Kelly, unmarried (straw man)

to

William F. Bauer (d. 1961)

Bauer's heirs were his widow, Mary D., Mary  
Ann Bauer, and Dora Bauer Johnston

399/56

31 July 1953

Mary B. Mc Comas, widow, Dora B. Johnston,  
widow, William F. Bauer and Mary, wife,  
Virginia E. Bauer, D. Clair Bauer, and  
Jeanne B. Bradley

to

Helen Kelley, unmarried (straw man)

127/430

30 December 1909

Frank H. Jacobs and Elizabeth, wife

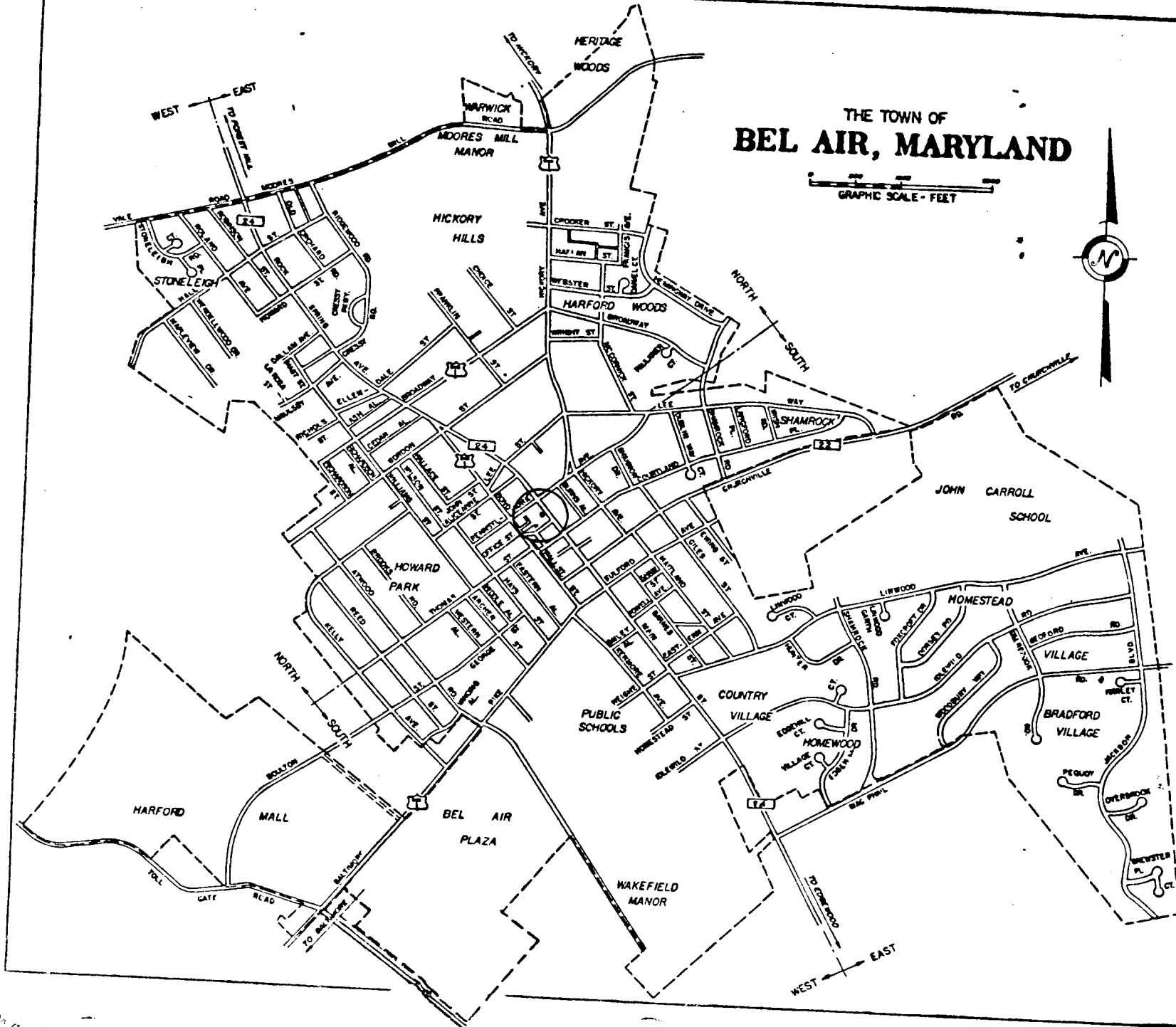
to

Annie E. Bauer

the fee simple. The property had been leased  
by George L. Van Bibber to William H. Bauer  
in 1879. By 54/125, 1885, William sold the  
lease to Annie Bauer. The land, like all  
that in the square except the Fulton lot,  
was part of the estate of Thomas Hays which  
was left to his daughter Pamela. When  
Pamela died without issue the property  
passed to the use of her sister Elizabeth  
Jacobs and her children.

# THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND

GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



HA-1448  
 Harc  
 15 S Main  
 Bel Air





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